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Applicant: Carson and Albani
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Title: VACCINE COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS USEFUL IN INDUCING
IMMUNE PROTECTION AGAINST ARTHRITIC PEPTIDES
INVOLVED IN THE PATHOGENESIS OF RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for responding to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004.

The requested extension is for Three (3) month, extending the period for response from November 25, 2004 to February 25, 2005.

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